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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

**LONDON.**—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

**NEW YORK.**—ANDREW WILD, 133, Nassau Street.

**AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.**—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

**SAN FRANCISCO** and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

**CHINA.**—SWATOW, QUELOU & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDGECOCK & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALKER, Manila, C. HEINRICH & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

## BANKS.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

## GOVERNMENT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMANN, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—E. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
A. ANDER, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq.  
E. R. BELLING, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.  
Hon. W. KENNEDY, Esq. Ed. TOBIN, Esq.

**CHIEF MANAGER.**  
Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, . . . EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.

**LONDON BANKERS.**—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

## Entertainments.

**AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.**

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give their Fourth Performance of the Season at the

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,**

## MONDAY,

19th February, when will be presented the Popular Burlesque of

**"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."**

By kind permission of Colonel DICKINS and the Officers of the 28th Regt., the Regimental Band will be in attendance.

Doors Open at 8.30. Performance to commence at Nine o'clock.

Tickets may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fe20

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FRITZ LANCHEN'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mel

### NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEMSEN has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

### NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 18th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-

signed.  
WM. CRICKSHANK,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. J. F. COEDER'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. mel

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

O. J. MESTERN,  
W. HULSE.  
Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

### NOTICE.

MR. H. EBELL has this Day been admitted a PARTNER in my Firm at SWATOW and HOLOW, which in future will be carried on under the Name or Style of "HESTON, EBELL & Co."

EDWARD HERTON.  
Swatow-Hollow, January 1, 1877. fe19

## Auctions.

### FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

## MONDAY,

the 19th February, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 12, Seymour Terrace, the Residence of O. B. GRIFFITH, Esq.,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Covered Chairs, Couches, Centre and other Tables, Mirrors, Clocks, Electro-plated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Sideboard, Whatnots, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Toilet Glasses, &c., &c.

Also,  
1 Cottage PIANO, by Zeitter & Co.  
1 HARMONIUM, by Alexandre Pere et Fils, Paris.

Sedan Chairs, Flower Pots, &c., &c.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. fe19

## Intimations.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 16th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1876.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 16th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 19, 1877. fe16

## HONGKONG.

**Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.,**

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,  
38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHRONOMETERS,

&c., &c., &c.,  
Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. cf

## AH YON,

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

No. 67, Praya Wai.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

## EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE

DE 1875.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,  
G. BOULOUE, Vice-Consul.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

## Intimations.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

**ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s**

**CELEBRATED BRANDY.**

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers

from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

**POMMERY & GRENOS**

**"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,**

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap6]

**HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held in the Public Gardens on FRIDAY, the 16th, and SATURDAY, the 17th February.

Admission: First Day, ..... \$1.  
Second Day, ..... 50 Cents.

Payment at the Gates, or Tickets may be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1877. fe16

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877. mel

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 19th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1876, the Report of the Directors, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fe18

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 16th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. fe18

**THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
OLYBEANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1877. mcl

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

## HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messrs GILMAN & Co., next to Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Building.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877. mel

**THE MEDICAL HALL,**

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap28

## NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I, A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ, Ph.D.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF. To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALKER, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

**OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. Co.**

### NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Company have this Day been REMOVED to No. 37, Queen's Road, Central.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fe18

### NOTICE.

**PACIFIC MAIL S. S. Co.**

BY Order of the Board of Directors of the PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, We have ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port.

Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 16, Praya Central.

Mr. O. V. SMITH is authorized to sign Bills of Lading.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 19th February, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 17th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877. fe19

## Intimations.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.**

The Steamship "ARZELL,"

D. SCOTT, Commander, will leave for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1877. fe17

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.**

The British Steamship "HINDOSTAN,"

Captain T. S. GARDNER, will leave this for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

Despatches will close at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1877. fe17

**FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.**

The British Steamer "CAIRNSMUIR,"

due shortly from London and Singapore, will receive immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1877.

## Sailing Vessels.

**FOR LONDON.**

A British Ship "STAR OF CHINA,"

BLAERE, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

**FOR LONDON.**

The British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY,"

KNIGHT, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship  
"HAILONG,"  
Captain Abbott, will be de-  
parted for the above Ports  
on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at 4 p.m.,  
instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877. fcl7

## FOR HAMBURG.

The 41 German Barque  
"ALBATROSS,"  
KOPPELMANN, Master, will load  
here, and will have quick de-  
spatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

## FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship  
"MENEAR,"  
W. TAYLOR, Master, will load  
here, and will have quick de-  
spatch as above.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

## FOR NEW YORK.

The 12 years 3/3 L. 11 Danish  
Bark  
"KORRÖR,"  
L. C. GROVE, Master, will load  
here, and will have immediate despatch as  
above.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE "WHITE CLOUD" will leave for  
MACAO on SATURDAY, the 17th  
inst., at 3.30 p.m., and will leave MACAO  
for HONGKONG on MONDAY, the 19th,  
at 7 a.m. First Class Fare to Macao and  
Back between SATURDAY and MONDAY, \$3.  
Second Class \$1.50.

By Order,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877. fcl3

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions from Dr. GEO. DODS, to sell  
by Public Auction, on  
**TUESDAY,**

the 27th day of February, 1877, at 12  
o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College  
Gardens,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD  
FURNITURE, consisting of: Drawing-  
Room Furniture in Walnut, made by  
Whitlock and Finlay of Edinburgh;  
Dining-room Furniture in Mahogany, by  
Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets,  
Pictorial Glass-ware, Crochets, Bed-room  
Furniture, Books, Wines, &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and  
Collard.  
A SEWING MACHINE for Hand  
or Foot, by Singer.  
A JARDINIÈRE, by Motzia of London.

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Black-  
wood.

And,  
One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE,  
with Balls, Cues, &c., complete.  
Catalogues will be issued, and the  
whole to be on view on and after MON-  
DAY, the 26th inst.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All  
lots, with all faults and errors of descrip-  
tion, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the  
hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877. fcl27

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-  
year ending on 30th December last,  
at the rate of 12 1/2 per cent. PAYABLE on and  
after THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at the  
Office of the Corporation, where Share-  
holders are requested to apply for War-  
rants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:—

BANDERON, British barque, Captain  
E. W. Crisp, American barque, Capt. E. Kelly.  
CARLON, American barque, Capt. E. Kelly.  
STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.  
B. Baker. — Douglas Larraik & Co.  
NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque,  
Captain D. Bradford. — Arnold, Karberg  
& Co.  
BORITO, German barque, Captain J. E.  
Weissenberg. — Siemens & Co.  
ALDEN BESSIE, American barque, Captain  
S. Noyes. — Rosario & Co.  
TYSERIA, British ship, Captain Robt.  
Golden. — Meyer & Co.

## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.  
Feb. 14, *Adela*, British barque, 358, R.  
H. Seattie, Newcastle (N.E.W.). Dec. 28,  
Capt. EDWARD SCHULZKE & Co.

DEPARTURES.  
Feb. 14, *Lombardy*, for Europe, &c.  
14, *Travancore*, for Shanghai.  
14, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.  
14, *Bonita*, for Tientsin.

CLEARED.  
*Hailong*, for Swatow, &c.  
*Yanama*, for New York.

## PASSENGERS.

## DEPARTED.

For *Lombardy*, for Southampton, Mr.  
Everitt. — From Shanghai: for Venice,  
Messrs R. H. Simonds and E. Peel; for  
Southampton, Mr. W. S. Lockhart; for  
Singapore, Mr. A. Crossley.  
For *Travancore*, for Shanghai, Messrs J.  
Reid, R. Leich, S. Baldwin, J. Brown,  
Dryland Hutchison, J. Kvik, J. Stephens,  
and 9 Seamen, &c.  
For *Sunda*, for Yokohama, Mr. J. S.  
Cox, and 6 Seamen, &c.  
For *Bonita*, for Tientsin, 6 Chinese.  
To DEPART.  
For *Hailong*, for Swatow, &c., 150  
Chinese.  
For *Yanama*, for New York, 1 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Adela* reports: Fine  
weather throughout the passage.

## Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest  
London Papers:—

## DEPARTURES.

Sept. 17, *Palentine*, from London to Hong-  
kong.  
Sept. 23, *Agnes Muir*, from London to  
Shanghai.

Oct. 5, *Wega*, from Hamburg to Chefoo.  
Oct. 8, *Glamorganshire*, from London to  
Hongkong.

Oct. 12, *Omba*, from London to Shanghai.  
Oct. 14, *Sir Harry Parkes*, from London to  
Hongkong.

Nov. 12, *Lima*, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 13, *Rurik*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 16, *Hydra*, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 17, *Eliza Shaw*, from London to  
Shanghai.

Nov. 21, *America*, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.  
Nov. 26, *Western Chief*, from London to  
Hongkong.

Nov. 28, *Madura*, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.  
Nov. 28, *Hannah Law*, from Cardiff to  
Hongkong.

Nov. 28, *New Era*, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.  
Dec. 4, *Bancutha*, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.

Dec. 17, *A. E. Vidal*, from Hamburg to  
Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, *Carlicks*, from London to Hong-  
kong.

Dec. 19, *Channel Queen*, from Cardiff to  
Hongkong.  
Dec. 19, *Cairnsmuir* (str.), from London  
to China and Japan.

Dec. 20, *Ohiaaman*, from London to Hong-  
kong.  
Dec. 21, *John Nicholson*, from New York  
to Shanghai.

Dec. 22, *Sopnie*, from New York to Hong-  
kong.  
Dec. 23, *Ino*, from Greenock to Swatow.

Dec. 27, *Undine*, from London to Shanghai.  
Dec. 28, *Antenor* (str.), from London to  
Shanghai.

Dec. 29, *Ulysses* (str.), from Liverpool to  
Shanghai.  
Dec. 29, *Canaan*, from Cardiff to Hong-  
kong.

Jan. 4, *Hesperia* (str.), from Hamburg (via  
London) to Hongkong.  
Jan. 4, *C. R. Bishop*, from London to  
Hongkong.

Jan. 4, *Gadabill* (str.), from London to  
China and Japan.  
Jan. 4, *Macgregor* (str.), from London to  
Shanghai.

Jan. 4, *State of Louisiana* (str.), from Lon-  
don to Shanghai.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

## MAILS will close:—

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CAL-  
CUTTA.  
Per *HINDOSTAN* and *ARGYLL*, at  
2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 17th  
inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWAN.—  
Per *HAILONG*, at 3.30 p.m., on  
Saturday, the 17th inst., instead  
of as previously notified.

For BANGKOK.—  
Per *DANUBE*, at 5 p.m., on Monday,  
the 19th inst.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.  
The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF  
PEKING* will be despatched on MON-  
DAY, the 19th inst., with Mails for  
Japan, San Francisco, the United  
States, and London, which will be  
closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters closes.  
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.  
2.30 p.m. Correspondence may be posted  
on board the Packet with Late  
Fee of 12 cents extra Postage  
until

3.50 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.  
Correspondence must be specially directed  
for this route, and if not fully prepaid  
will be sent by British Packet.

Letters, &c. can be posted for Canada, the  
West Indies, and other places named  
below, if sufficient American Stamps  
are added to prepay them from San  
Francisco to destination. American  
Stamps are sold at this Office.

General Post Office,  
Hongkong, February 6, 1877. fcl9

## MAILS BY THE FARRON PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *AMARON*,  
will be despatched on THURSDAY,  
the 22nd inst., with  
Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;  
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galley,  
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania,  
Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion,  
Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria.

Letters may also be forwarded to India  
by this Packet, but can be paid only  
as far as Ceylon. The postage to  
Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters  
should be marked *Post to Ceylon* only;  
they will go on from Galle as unpaid.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—  
Wednesday, 21st inst.:—  
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the Night Box,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 22nd inst.:—  
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.  
10 a.m. Registry of Letters closes.  
11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters Only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom,  
Belgium, or Singapore may be posted  
on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents  
extra postage, until

11.30 a.m., when the Post Office closes  
entirely.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1877. fcl9

## General Memoranda.

## SATURDAY, February 17:—

3 p.m.—*Argyll* leaves for Singapore,  
Penang and Calcutta.  
3 p.m.—*Hindostan* leaves for Singapore,  
Penang and Calcutta.  
3.30 p.m.—*White Cloud* leaves for Macao.  
4 p.m.—*Hailong* leaves for Coast Ports.  
Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

## MONDAY, February 19:—

2 p.m.—Furniture Sale, at No. 12,  
Seymour Terrace.  
3 p.m.—*American Mail* leaves for Yoko-  
hama and San Francisco.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,  
Limited, at Club Chambers.  
9 p.m.—Amateur Dramatic Club Per-  
formance at the City Hall.

## TUESDAY, February 20:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,  
at No. 7, Queen's Road.  
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

## WEDNESDAY, February 21:—

Goods per *Travancore* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

## THURSDAY, February 22:—

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at  
Dr G. Dods' residence, College Gardens.  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

## FRIDAY, March 2:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the  
Head Office, Hongkong.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Meeting.

2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at  
No. 39, Queen's Road.

## Miscellaneous.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance  
Co., Limited, closed from this date to  
2nd March, inclusive.  
Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

## THE

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## A. S. WATSON &amp; Co.,

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## SITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,

## AMERICAN, AND FOREIGN PATENT

## MEDICINES.

## MANUFACTURERS

## OF

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## The Manufactory is under direct and

## continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 8.05 p.m.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1877.

We were glad on noticing that the ap-  
plication to investigate in private the  
charge against the man Coates of embe-  
zzling military stores, was refused. Per-  
haps one of the best guarantees the  
community here and elsewhere have for  
the administration of justice in our  
Courts is the liability of the proceedings  
in them to be made public. We are  
happy in knowing that the investigation  
of a case, especially of a criminal nature,  
in private is an exceedingly rare occur-  
rence both here and in England. Such  
a course is resorted to, as a rule, only  
when the interests of the public generally,  
and not those of the prisoner or a few  
individuals, would suffer from an investi-  
gation in public. It seems to us that  
the reason advanced in support of the  
application might be very well used as  
arguments against it. If it were shown  
that the prisoner had no connection with  
the deficiency, it was urged, it would be  
unfair to him if the case were heard in  
public; a slur would be cast upon his  
character. How so? We venture to  
think that if the unusual course was  
pursued of hearing a case in private,  
especially one in which a Government  
official was concerned, not only would  
suspicion still cling to him in the public  
mind in the face of an acquittal but  
would probably extend more or less to  
others surrounding him. The cry would  
immediately be, "the affair has been  
smothered up," and all sorts of reports  
would be sent flying about the Colony  
of dark deeds, and the careless manner  
in which Government business is man-  
aged. The case being heard in public,  
the community have plain facts before  
them, and if the case is worth an ex-  
pression of opinion it will also be con-  
sidered worth reading. We trust that  
judicial investigations will never take  
place in private in this Colony, unless  
public interests, or those of morality,  
demand it. It must be very seldom,  
and under very special circumstances,  
that justice to a prisoner requires a pri-  
vate investigation.

It appears from the report of the Cap-  
tain Superintendent of Police for the  
year 1876 that, compared with the re-  
turns for the previous year, an increase  
of 6.45 took place in serious crime  
during the period and an increase of 23.68  
in minor offences. These are results on  
which the Colony can scarcely be con-

gratulated. The Captain Superintendent,  
however, thinks that the returns for the  
year as a whole may be fairly deemed  
satisfactory, especially when the develop-  
ment of the city and of certain villages  
is considered, as well as the increased  
facilities that have been afforded for the  
influx of strangers into the Colony.  
We are sorry that we cannot altogether  
agree with Mr Deane as to the satisfac-  
toriness of his returns. They show us  
that an increase of about 30 per cent  
has occurred in the number of offences  
committed in Hongkong during the  
year. The increase in the number of  
minor offences is no doubt pretty well  
accounted for, by the large number of  
persons arrested as mendicants and as  
unlicensed hawkers, but the fact that an  
increase of 6.45 has taken place in  
serious crime through the development  
of the Colony, and the increased facili-  
ties that have been afforded for the  
influx of strangers can hardly be a mat-  
ter for congratulation. With a large  
police force, daily improving in efficiency,  
it is to be hoped that the very little  
development this Colony is undergoing  
may be made without any sensible in-  
crease in the number of its criminals.  
That the importation of an unusual  
number of disreputable characters dur-  
ing the twelvemonths has had the  
effect of filling our jails is to be  
very much regretted. It is not a sat-  
isfactory state of affairs. The credit  
is due to the police that crime in the  
Colony did not show an even larger  
increase under the circumstances; still  
the community here cannot find much  
satisfaction in regarding the simple fact  
that an increase of 6.45 per cent. took  
place in serious crime during the year.  
They will hope that those "increased  
facilities that have been afforded for the  
influx of strangers into the Colony" will  
get extinguished. The increase in serious  
crime was caused, it seems, by 11 more  
cases of highway robbery and 121 more  
cases of larceny occurring than in 1875.  
The general health of the force was  
better during the twelve months than  
in the course of the previous year, owing  
to the comparative coolness of the sum-  
mer; but the past year has been marked  
by the death of two efficient inspectors,  
to whose memory and services the Capt.  
Superintendent pays a suitable tribute  
which does honour to his deceased  
subordinates and to himself. Mr  
Deane thinks that the efficiency of the  
European force will be serious-  
ly affected by the conclusion of the  
present season of the term of service  
of several of the men. This month the  
European force, which Mr Deane ob-  
serves is not large for the requirements  
of the service, will be eighteen below its  
proper strength, and it is with grave  
doubts that he views the prospect of  
supplying these vacancies from the re-  
sources of the Colony.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Anady*, with the next outward French

Mails, left Singapore on Tuesday afternoon.

The troops by the *Himalaya* were landed  
this morning at 10 o'clock. The Artillery  
have been housed at Victoria Barracks  
until their own quarters are vacated. We  
have heard a report that two or three of  
the men who are under orders for home are  
bad with the measles, and that one of the  
Sergeants of the 28th is in hospital with  
the same complaint.

At the Marine Court to-day To-yau-li,  
master of the junk *Ko Li*, was charged  
with leaving the Harbour without a clear-  
ance. Defendant said he was a fisherman,  
but acknowledged having no licence and he  
was ordered to take out one.

Lung Fuk, master of the junk *Shun Wo*,  
was charged with a similar offence, and  
gave as his excuse that he could not get on  
shore. He was fined \$5 or ten days' im-  
prisonment.

The following Circular has been handed to  
us for publication:—

GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
HONGKONG, 15th Feb. 1877.

A communication has been received from  
Mr S. Cope, Reuter's Agent in this Colony,  
to the effect that some one residing in  
Hongkong is in the habit of telegraphing  
to the Shanghai papers the political news  
supplied through this Chamber, thus  
entirely depriving the value of the tele-  
grams supplied by Reuter's Agent at that  
port.

Mr Cope, quite reasonably, states that if  
such a practice be persisted in, the loss so  
calculated to his Agency will necessitate his  
reluctantly giving notice that he will be  
unable to carry out the existing contract  
with this Chamber.

The Committee trust that it is only  
necessary to call the attention of those who  
transmit such telegrams to Shanghai to the  
improper use there made of them, to ensure  
a discontinuance of the acts objected to.

By Order,  
N. B. DENNIS, Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

The ordinary yearly general meeting of  
shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai  
Banking Corporation was held at the City  
Hall, Hongkong, to-day (February 16th) at  
8 p.m. There were present—Mr E. B.  
Bellios (Chairman), Hon. W. Keswick, Hon.  
P. Ryrie and Messrs A. André, H. Hoppins,  
J. E. Sassoon, T. Jackson, E. Tobin, D. M.  
Meltz, A. Hancock, H. Smith, D. Minchberger,  
S. Russell, T. G. Linstead, W. Nissen, C. C.  
Cohen, E. Sharp, O. H. Burrows, C. P.  
Chater, J. A. Carvalho, J. T. Chater, E.  
Dickie, H. Just, A. Newton, C. May, E.  
Kingsmill, C. Krebs, W. M. Morgan, Morely,  
Kitty, Rhodes, Mendelst, Polakowski,

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## Report of the Board of Directors to the

Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders,  
to be held at the offices of the Company,  
Club Chambers, Hongkong, on Monday,  
the 19th February, at 3 o'clock p.m.:—

To the Shareholders of the Hongkong  
and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.

GENTLEMEN,—The Directors have now  
to lay before you their Report with a State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1876.

In accordance with the resolution passed  
at the last meeting, \$20,000 have been paid  
to the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company in  
reduction of loan, and the amount has  
been written off the value of the Whampoa  
property.

A fair amount of work has been done at  
the establishments of the Company during  
the six months, but the extremely  
low rates which continue to be charged for  
docking and repairing vessels and for  
engineering work, have made the gross  
receipts compare unfavourably with former  
years, and have rendered the net profit  
very small.

The gross earnings for six months amount  
to \$189,849 06, and the net profit to  
\$14,961.18, which with \$15,538 28 the  
balance brought forward from last account  
represents \$30,499 46, from which has to be  
deducted:—

For distribution to Contributing  
Shareholders..... \$2,000.01  
For Directors' fees..... 2,500.00  
For Auditors' fees..... 250.00

4,750.00

Leaving for disposal..... \$25,744.46

The Directors recommend that no divid-  
end be declared, that \$15,000 be paid in  
further reduction of the loan from the  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, there-  
by bringing the debt down to \$125,000,  
and that the balance \$10,744.46 be carried  
forward to next account.

The Directors have succeeded in dispos-  
ing of the Whampoa property to the Chi-  
nese Government for \$80,000, payable in  
four equal instalments on the 15th March,  
1st May, 1st August, and 1st November of  
the present year. The price obtained is  
far short of the sum at which the property  
stands in the Books, but the Docks had  
long ceased to be a source of profit to the  
Company, and to maintain them in their  
entirety would have entailed a considerable  
outlay. It is therefore a matter for congratulation that the  
property has been sold, and your Directors  
trust that through the reduced expenditure  
that will ensue, and by the careful and  
economical working of the establishments  
at Aberdeen and Kowloon, they may be  
enabled at the next half-yearly meeting to  
submit a more satisfactory report and a  
statement of accounts showing a better  
result than on this occasion.

Directors.—In accordance with the 68th  
Article of the Deed of Association, Messrs.  
W. Keswick and A. T. Manger retire  
from the Board but offer themselves for re-  
election.

Auditors.—Messrs J. Robinson and T.<



Gospel, as well as in the way of its reception by the natives:—  
That no necessity existing on the part of the Chinese, either Christian or Heathen, for the use of any other term, and the whole controversy being prolonged chiefly on account of the unreasonable prejudice of some among the foreign "missionaries."  
We therefore, in the interest of unity and peace and the prosperity of Protestantism in China, feel not called upon to assist in any way in promoting the use of terms other than *Shang-Ti*, but rather are bound to use all lawful influence to counteract their employment, and in so doing we are not departing from the law of Christian love.

W. LOUIS. CH. PIRON.  
F. HUBER. T. LOEBNER.  
C. REUSCH. G. REUSCH.  
W. DILLBY. R. LECHLER.  
CH. ABL. G. KUTZKE.

January 16th, 1877.

The above Protest having been submitted to the Hongkong Missionary Conference, the following Resolution was proposed by the Revd. Dr. Eitel, of the London Missionary Society, seconded by the Revd. A. B. Hutchinson, of the Church Missionary Society, and unanimously adopted:—  
"That this conference hereby expresses its entire agreement with the substance of the above Protest."

J. C. ENGE,  
Hon. Secretary.

February 6th, 1877.

## SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
(Before His Lordship Mr. Justice SNOWDEN.)  
15th February, 1877.

F. Sander and another v. Ma Yu Tai, \$20.47.—The claim was on a promissory note given to the plaintiffs' compradore in the name of the firm. The defendant did not appear and judgment was given against him. Mr. Dennis appeared for the plaintiffs.

Pong Ape v. Clark, \$8.40.—This was a claim for wages, which the defendant admitted, but put in a set-off of a much greater amount than the sum claimed, and His Lordship directed that judgment be entered for the plaintiff in this case, with execution stayed till a new action for the amount of the set-off could be heard.

Wong Aam v. Pereira, \$8.20.—The plaintiff claimed wages as a man to the defendant. While admitting the amount claimed to be due, the defendant urged that the plaintiff had left his service without notice. The plaintiff alleged that she left because she was struck by the defendant. The defendant confessed that he had threatened to give the plaintiff a good licking if she found her beating his child. She repeated the offence and consequently he pulled her ears, but did not hurt her. The plaintiff, however, produced a demolished ear-ring and asserted that the defendant had raised a lump on her forehead. His Lordship held that the defendant was perfectly justified in leaving the plaintiff's employ on account of this assault. It looked extremely bad for a man to have threatened an old woman like this with a good licking. Judgment for the plaintiff.

Stockhausen and Rose v. Bleeker, \$32.35.—The defendant admitted the claim, but prayed for time. His Lordship ordered the money to be paid in two instalments.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)  
15th February, 1877.

### CHARGE OF LARCENY.

Leong Ahoi, a carpenter, was charged with robbing one Lum a Kan, a married woman, of 1080 cash and a jacket. The case was remanded to this day, when after a patient hearing, it turned out that the charge was false and that it was only brought out of revenge, because the defendant was her paramour and her husband came to know of it. The defendant was discharged, but the complainant and her husband were fined \$20 and \$5 respectively.

### THE CRACKERS.

The occupant of No. 40 d'Aguilar Street, was summoned by a woman who lived on the floor above for firing crackers which damaged her best jacket. The crackers were, according to her evidence, deliberately thrown into her apartments, burning her neck and jacket. The jacket cost her \$12, but an expert valued it at \$3 when new, and that it was worth \$5 now. The Magistrate ordered the defendant to pay \$3 compensation.

There were no less than 288 persons summoned for firing crackers after the time allowed by the Government. The defendants were all fined by the Hon. C. May in 25 cents each.

### NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Tang Awan, a boatman in the employ of the Government Scavenging contractor, was charged by his employer with neglect of duty, in that he was absent with his rubbish boat at the time appointed, so that the complainant had to engage another boat. The defendant was fined \$1 and was ordered to pay \$24 amends to the scavenging contractor.

### GAMBLING.

Wong Aing, a hawk, was charged by P. O. No. 166 with gambling at Gap Street, Taipingah. The defendant called out "Tah" when the Constable arrested him, and appealed to the by-standers to assist him. He was sent to three months' hard labour as a rogue and vagabond.

### A STRAGGLER.

Wm. Fenwick, a marine on board H. M. S. *Andromeda*, was arrested for being a straggler. He was ordered to be taken on board.

### CHAIR-HIRE.

D. Bartlett, a marine on board H. M. S. *Andromeda*, was charged with refusing to pay the complainant his chair-hire. The defendant asked change for five bits, and when the change was given him, he ran away with both the \$1 and the change. He was under the influence of drink. His Worship directed him to pay the \$1 he gave and to keep the change.

## CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 15, 1876.

You will see from the papers that the long pending case of The Agra Bank v. Macaulay has come before the Court of Common Pleas, and has been "referred" after the plaintiffs had voluntarily withdrawn all charges of a damaging character to the defendant. The reference which has been made is not to be confounded with an arbitration. It is a form of proceeding which can now be adopted in cases in which there is a mass of evidence, with a view to saving the time of the regular Court. The referee is a thoroughly qualified legal gentleman, usually one of the leading Q. C.'s, and the case is gone through before him in precisely the same way as is done before the ordinary Courts. It is undoubtedly a good practical way of proceeding, as it prevents the time of the Judges being needlessly wasted, while more details of fact are being gone into. Something of the same kind, by the way, might be very advantageous in Hongkong. The case as now referred will turn upon whether Mr. Macaulay, in making the advances to Stoddard and Weston, exceeded his instructions in such a way as to render himself civilly liable to his employers. The matter, as you can easily perceive, will involve some very interesting questions as to the liability of agents generally and Bank agents in particular. So far as I can understand the case, from information which I have been able to obtain from a reliable quarter, it would seem somewhat difficult for the plaintiffs to establish a claim now that they have withdrawn the imputations of ill-faith, which they made the basis of the original action. At all events, it will be satisfactory to the numerous friends of the defendant in China to learn that this long-pending case has been divested of the unpleasant aspect which it wore before it came into Court.

It is curious to note that some of our ex-China residents in the City a short time back—nothing less than Lieut.-Col. Gordon of Ever Victorious Army celebrity, who is now in Abyssinia, had died and that arrangements were being made for bringing his body home for interment. It turned out, however, that it was one of his Aide de Camps and not the Colonel himself who had died.

If Sir Rutherford Alcock did not succeed over well in his negotiations with the Chinese for the revision of the Treaty and had the humiliation of seeing his Convention and himself shelved, he has managed very successfully to keep up his reputation with the public generally; and has maintained his position well in literary and scientific circles. Indeed he is spoken of by the members of learned Societies and in scientific circles as one of the highest authorities upon Eastern questions generally, and he is among the retained writers on that extremely correct but eminently dull paper the *Academy*, and occasionally favours them with a review of some work upon China or the East. There is no doubt that Sir Rutherford deserves to a great extent the reputation which he has made for himself in the literary and scientific world; and the only pity is that he ventured out of his natural sphere into the difficult walks of diplomatic life and above all of diplomatic life in China. He has recently had a great day in delivering an address before the Royal Geographical Society, of which he is President, before no less a personage than Sir K. Highness the Prince of Wales, who took the chair on the occasion of the Society's offering their congratulations to the members of the Arctic Expedition on their return home. Sir James Hall, where the meeting was held, was, as I need perhaps scarcely say, crowded to excess. Such is British kookism that people who scarcely know the difference between the North Pole and the Equator become intensely geographical when a Royal Highness is to be exhibited as part of the performance. The old ex-China Minister was quite at his ease and behaved with that dignity, in which whatever faults he possessed in other respects he never showed himself lacking when in China, and delivered a pleasing address in excellent taste and equally good style to an enthusiastic audience. The position which Sir Rutherford now holds, as President of the Geographical Society, is one of by no means small importance. Education, literature and scientific institutions have accordingly increased in importance, and the Geographical Society, which has always been in the foremost rank, is now a powerful institution. A few years ago it would have been thought little less than madness to think of convening a meeting of such a body in so large a building as St. James' Hall; now this is quite an ordinary event.

I hear that very great disappointment has been felt in many quarters on account of the depression in the silk market consequent upon the uncertainty of political affairs in Europe. Such a fall, however, as that which has taken place, was really only what was to be expected, especially considering the exalted prices to which the "noble article" had attained consequent upon speculative transactions, notwithstanding that at the time they were based upon very good data. It will be, at least, a week—probably more—before the result of the Conference now being held at Constantinople can be known; but, if as generally hoped, it should result in the establishment of peace, there will, no doubt, be a reaction in the silk market, though I think a recovery of half the present fall is the utmost that can be looked for.

Jan. 6th, 1877.

We are anxiously expecting the arrival of Sir Thos. Wade and some expression on the part of the Government with reference to the Chefoo Convention. I do not know exactly whether Sir Thos. Wade's return to England is declared officially to be in connection with the Chinese Mission, but from his leaving and arriving at the same time, it would seem that this is the case. Such a course is no doubt rather peculiar; but, if not very complimentary to the Chinese Officials, it is only a necessary measure of precaution that our Minister should be present at the Foreign Office to assist the Government in forming a proper estimate of the representations which the Chinese Excellency will make. No doubt some questions with regard to the settlement of the Yunnan affair and the new Convention will be asked in Parliament.

soon after it meets; but I think there is no doubt that the Convention will be before that time have been ratified and the matter thus practically brought to a termination. Among mercantile people the feeling is generally favourable, and they are the only class likely to offer any opposition. The fact is that people have at last got to the point at which they are thankful for small mercies in respect to anything which concerns China and China affairs; and although in reality the Chefoo Convention concedes little more than was granted in Sir Rutherford Alcock's Convention of 1869, it is nevertheless looked upon, not without some sound sense, as the best we are likely to obtain from the Chinese at the present time. It is quite evident that we must be content to move slowly in China, if we are to move at all, and this fact is becoming more and more generally recognized.

The opium question will, it seems, be again brought forward in Parliament this year. The *Friend of China*—the organ of the Society for the suppression of the Opium Trade—in its review of the year 1876 says:—  
"This may prove to be a memorable year in the history of the opium trade. In a few weeks Sir Thomas Wade and Kwo Sung-Tao will arrive in London, the one bringing his new Convention for ratification, the other charged to present China's apology for the Yunnan murder. It remains to be seen whether the Convention which China has been constrained to accept will have delivered his apology may possibly have something more to say. At any rate Parliament can hardly pass over these matters in silence. For the last two sessions our friends in the House have had to force the discussion of the opium question in the face of a reluctant Government and an indifferent public. This year their opportunity will probably present itself spontaneously, and we doubt not they will prove equal to the occasion."

I suspect, however, that long before the Anti-Opium members have a chance of bringing on the discussion in the House the Convention will have been ratified. The Government will not think of giving up the Indian Revenue from Opium, so long as they have no security that their doing so will really have the effect of putting an end to the Opium traffic altogether and to the production and consumption of the drug in China, and for this they have absolutely no guarantee as matters stand at the present time. As you are already aware, Mr. Pope Hennessy, the future Governor of Hongkong, returned to England a short time back from Barbadoes, where he was last Governor. It is likely, however, that he will be here for some time yet before he proceeds to Hongkong. I see that the Singapore papers congratulate themselves that Mr. Pope Hennessy has been appointed to Hongkong and not to the Straits. He has certainly not been very happy in his administration either in Labuan or Barbadoes, but it may be hoped he will have learnt wisdom from the past, and will be more successful in your Colony than he has been elsewhere. It is, however, to be much regretted that the Home Government always selects its Governors for Hongkong without any reference to their being specially qualified for the post; and thus they arrive without any knowledge of the natives or of the nature of the place and are of course only too likely to fall into error. It is hardly fair to the Governors themselves and is certainly unjust to the Colony.

## China.

SOOCHOW.

We are having snow and rain in abundance. The snow which began to fall at noon on Sunday, 28th ult., and ceased at noon on Monday was very fine and light, and though it continued to fall for twenty-four hours, it is estimated that not more than six inches of snow fell altogether. This weather is much needed. I have never seen the canals so shallow as they were two weeks ago. Many of the wells in the city had become dry. A remarkable execution took place not long ago in this city: a man and a woman were publicly executed for adultery. This was not a sham execution, reported as having been privately attended to: off the heads of the offenders were actually cut off on the ground where the city fathers, from time to time, shed the blood of their erring children. The event produced a profound impression in the city; the natives seemed to fear that Soochow was in danger of being depopulated, but as this execution has not been followed by similar ones they conclude that it is merely a freak of paternal but erratic discipline, destined to be as fruitless as it is unusual.

## PEKING.

A second abundant snowfall, which took place on the 23rd January, has gladdened the hearts of the Chinese, who see in this an infallible presage of a good harvest year to come. It is stated that M. Giguel, the late Director of the Foochow Arsenal, is to leave for Europe early in the Spring, leaving with him thirty pupils who are to be placed in England to study naval architecture, navigation, &c. Other students will probably also be sent to France. The news of the capture of the city of Manas, north-west of Urumai, on the 6th November, after a siege of three months, and the slaughter of a large number of the Dungan insurgents, has given much satisfaction to the Chinese, who consider that the campaign in the region north of the Tien Shan range is virtually closed, since the direct communication with Tashkent is now re-established; but the demands for funds for the army are understood to be very pressing. A force of about twenty 20,000 men is collected at Urumai or in its neighbourhood, with a view to an advance upon Turfan and supplies of money from the provinces are urgently called for. The Shanghai Custom House, it is said, will be required to furnish a considerable quota. Should the Chinese army succeed in reaching and capturing Turfan, it will then have only a strip of desert separating it from the most advanced post of Yakub Khan's territory; but whether it will be sufficiently rash to venture on an advance in that direction, remains to be seen.

## Japan.

Judging from the account given in the *Hokko News*, the visit of His Majesty the Mikado seems to have been made the occasion for general rejoicings and festivities. The illuminations were brilliant, the weather all that could be desired, and nothing appears to have occurred to

mar the preparations made by the loyal people of Kobe for the fitting reception of the Emperor. We are gratified to find that the efforts made by the foreign residents were very graciously recognised; a letter having been addressed by the Hon. Rei of Higo Ken to the President of the Higo Municipal Council, commencing the expression of His Majesty's gratification at the illumination held in his honour. We also observe that His Majesty was graciously pleased to accept the dedication and a copy of the music of the Japanese National Air composed by M. Crocella, Band master of the *Atalante*. *Embarras des richesses!* If we mistake not, this is the third National Air of which Japan has become the proud possessor in the last four years. "What the plague! three morning guns!" Our Dramatic Amateurs can finish the quotation.

A school to be built at the Nishikohō, Tokio, where the children of the *Kuudoko*, or nobles, can be instructed. Her Majesty the Empress has given 50,000 yen towards the expense of its establishment.

The students of the Normal School of Kanagawa are to undergo an examination, and whoever fails to pass the same will no longer be permitted to remain at the school. We hear that the out-turn of the iron mines of Yohigo and Shimano for last year was most encouraging, and that further improvement in the quantities of iron obtained is to be looked for this year. The fire which destroyed the *Gaimusho* (Foreign Office) on Thursday was caused by an overheated stove pipe setting fire to the ceiling of the room set apart for the reception of Foreign Representatives. The flames extended to the roof and seized such rapid hold of the building that it was utterly destroyed in about twenty minutes after the first alarm was given. The fire brigades were quickly on the spot, and in unusual force, the number of men who turned out having been variously estimated from 2,000 to 3,500, while the number actually present may fairly be stated as something between the above mentioned figures. No exertions on their part could save the main building where the fire originated, but their efforts to prevent the fire spreading to the outhouses and surrounding buildings were entirely successful. It is highly creditable to the officials of the department, that notwithstanding the extremely rapid progress of the fire, all the records and official documents were saved with the exception of such as had been recently received and were in course of being answered.

We learn from the *Chōya Shimbun* that a submarine cable is at present being laid between Okayama Ken (Bizen) and Ehime Ken (Iyo) on the Island of Shikoku. The astonishment of the ignorant country people of that part of Japan, which is so little known to foreigners, was greatly excited, not only by the sight of foreigners themselves, but by observing them engaged in such an undertaking as a telegraphic cable and its uses, naturally enough, being something quite beyond their comprehension.

## THE FAMINE STRICKEN AT SHANGHAI.

The number of refugees is not now so great as a week or two ago, many having been drafted to other cities. Still those who remain severely tax the benevolence and resources of the authorities. Indeed the native officials told some seventy-three famished wretches who arrived a day or two ago that they could do nothing for them; and literally left them to starve. All that was granted was permission to occupy an empty building opposite the Parade ground; and into this building, a plain structure, having one end completely open and exposed, the seventy-three unfortunate, men, women, and children, crowded, the whole place being little more than big enough for the Rev. J. M. W. Farman, who had already busied himself with their bodily as well as the spiritual welfare of his funds at his disposal, the gift of persons in Shanghai and elsewhere, do not enable much to be done; but they are admitted with the greatest care and economy. In mentioning these funds, it ought not to be omitted that the Pareses, with their accustomed generosity, collected about \$200; one half of which, through Mr. Spence, who visited the place on Saturday, was handed over to Mr. Farman for the relief of the last-arrived refugees. Some straw was procured and made tolerable bedding—perhaps not much worse than they had been used to; and supply of rice was ordered and distributed in fair proportions. It need hardly be said that the poor people appreciated this kindness and attention; and that they were profuse in their expressions of gratitude. Demonstrations of gratitude, probably many of them had not till their arrival seen a foreign face, and when they got back to their northern fields they will not fail to carry with them the remembrance of foreign sympathy and its practical character, rendered at a time when help was refused by their own countrymen. It is important to note that these seventy-three people are dependent, it may be said, for their very existence upon the continued benevolence of foreigners. The actual number of refugees now outside the southern gate is 798. Probably seven hundred and ninety-six persons were never collected together and lived on shorter rations or were worse housed in a season of such inclemency. Not one appears to have anything in the way of clothing but the most tattered rag; here and there a few rude benches, but such as lie on the bare straw, and as many live in families, aggregating twenty persons in one room; certainly not sufficient for more than half a dozen. The authorities allow daily thirty cash for each adult, and fifteen for each child. A small bowl of rice costs five or six cash; so that an adult accustomed to out-door life and an unlimited supply of varied food, lives on five or six bowls a day. Occasionally some indigestible vegetable may be added by way of variety and a little salt as seasoning; but these are exceptional luxuries, and it is correct to say that for the most part the refugee diet is purely rice. It is a *caveau qui appétit*; but it may be questioned whether a good appetite is a blessing without a sufficient quantity of something to digest. If it be philosophical that enjoyment depends in great measure upon previous deprivation, these famine-stricken refugees, if blessed with plenty on their return home, will deserve to appreciate the things one has seen; or rather, perhaps, that one is struck most by that to which he is least accustomed. If anyone unfamiliar with the sight of misery to be seen at home, or ignorant of the style of existence of the lower classes of Chinese, visited the refugees,

he would no doubt be appalled by their apparently utter destitution and misery. But he would also be not less struck with the patience with which it is borne. A dietary consisting of five bowls of unjiao water a day is scarcely calculated to put man or woman in the pleasantest humour and it would have the effect of putting some civilized people decidedly out of humour. Yet these sturdy Chinese peasants, thanks perhaps to a life of hardship, bear their present sufferings with a resignation which it might not be unworthy to dignify by the name of courage. One may indeed be hopeful of a people which can suffer and be patient like these poor refugees. —*Shanghai Courier.*

## SAN FRANCISCO.

January 2nd, 1877.

Though the holidays have been celebrated merrily enough in a social way, the weight of hard times has been felt very seriously throughout every circle. Two years ago at the time of the Big Bonanza it seemed for a week or two after Christmas that a number of devoted lieges had presented their wives with carriages and pairs. More than usual *défilé* were given them by the appearance of footmen at that time, a great novelty in our streets. With the flight of time and the depression of prices in the Big Bonanza Christmas has become duller and duller. Beside the dull spell which already hangs over business matters, there is a gloomy presage of duller times yet.

Since late in August or early in September not a drop of rain has fallen in California. The balmy Indian summer of the Atlantic side cannot excel the warm delightful weather we have been enjoying during the winter months. Furs are unsold, overcoats have not left their pegs, and the ladies wear their furs more assiduously than they did in July. But the farmer stands, like the allegorical Indian, perpetually gazing upon the horizon, waiting, hoping, and praying for the cloud no bigger than a man's hand. His wealth for the coming year lies in the rainfall, and as the entire mercantile community depends for its success, in some measure, upon his success, the long delay of the rain has done some irreparable damage, but it is slight compared with what it may be if the anxious ones are obliged to wait much longer. The health of the city is being seriously affected by the drought. Diphtheria is beginning to disappear very gradually, but typhoid is stalking abroad. This naturally brings the drainage of the city under investigation, and it may have the effect of hastening the Water Commissioners, who have it in charge to select a scheme for furnishing San Francisco more abundantly, and at cheaper rates than have been the custom. The Spring Valley Water Company which for years has supplied the place is very inadequately supplied, depending for its supply upon a water shed, the extent of whose capacities has been reached. After surveying and investigating all the water sources of the State, the Commissioners now have it in contemplation, boldly to ignore cheap economy, and to bring the water from the Sierra Nevada. The Spring Valley Water Company, hitherto a most extortionate corporation, fights the idea through the newspapers by making a series of labyrinthine calculations, and affrighting the public with vast figures. Spring Valley is owned by the richest men in the State, but the prejudice against it because of its extortion is so strong that the Commissioners may feel obliged to act against the interests of a combination. Spring Valley, acquiring all available sources in the State, excepting two, that in the event of the city desiring to purchase any of the property so secured, Spring Valley will buy it outright, and will refuse to sell to the city unless Spring Valley be accepted too. For that prosperous company, though not anxious to sell, is determined that none other shall be bought.

The Fire Fund does not seem to have sufficiently accomplished his work in the Brooklyn disaster. The latest news is of a terrible railroad accident at Ashabula, Ohio. A bridge, over which a train of cars was passing, broke down and by some yet unexplained means took fire. Over a hundred persons perished in the flames, and they are yet engaged upon the task of identifying the bodies. One or two clergymen of some note were on board and lost their lives; several local celebrities are missing. Horrible accidents and crimes seem to have their seasons as inevitably as the seasons of any other kind. It appears to be the time, in the east, for the hottest of human lives upon the altar of fire, while in San Francisco murder and suicide are holding high carnival.

Disney has been struck to the hearts of its many shareholders by the announcement that "Consolidated Virginia" known as the King Pie of all the bonanzas, will pay no dividend this month. For more than two years it has interruptedly paid a dividend every month of two dollars per share, making a monthly expenditure of one million and a half dollars. There are those who do not hesitate to say that the mine has petered out, especially as the reserve fund, of which the trustees have all made such a point, has not been drawn on in this emergency. Should "California," the Siamese twin, follow in its footsteps, its stocks would receive such a blow as it would take them many and many a long day to recover from. The confidence of the people of these two mines is as sublime as it is absurd. A man with a comfortable number of shares of either is regarded as being amply provided for during life, while his name is spoken with bated breath and a solemn awe who holds his shares by thousands.

If the day of these two mines is really done Flood and O'Brien are sure to have another mine in reserve for the next excitement. Which mine, is the question he who knows the answer will be a wonderfully rich man.

The mania exhibited by our eastern visitors for Chinese and Japanese goods increases rather than diminishes. Nothing can be too grotesque or horrible provided it is Chinese or Japanese—horror, unless it is the hapless Chinamen themselves. These are said to have done the cook thriving business at the exposition, the supply not by any means equaling the demand, notwithstanding the absurd prices. There have been an enormous number of orders during the past few years for the wadded dressing gowns which the Japanese are so deft at making. Their prices have gradually risen under the stimulus of busy trade, and now they can be procured at about the same cost as in Japan, duty inclusive, and that, without the delay of waiting. The Japanese threaten to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. Prices remain in exactly the same

ground. No point of vantage has yet been yielded by either party. In Florida one of the disputed states, the Supreme Court has ordered another recount. Even our smaller local contests remain yet undecided, and as all bets have been withdrawn, the masses have lost the fiery zeal which characterized the earlier stages of the disturbance.

## TEA TRADE OF 1876.

Wm. Jas. & Hy. Thompson's Annual Tea Report, dated London, 2nd January, says:—

"The record of the past year forms no exception to our late unsatisfactory series of 'Annual Reports,' so far as Importers are concerned. The only redeeming feature has been the further expansion of the Home clearances, but even these are not in the same ratio of increase as in the preceding year, while our Export has fallen off \$4 millions. The market throughout has been 'dragging and difficult,' and the prices obtainable as a rule scarcely exceeding 'Commissions' even at the highest point, and then only for a small portion of the first crop medium grades, while of late, the losses on the common to fair kinds have been heavy and continuous, as have also been those on the higher sort chaps held over in the hope of a better market. Much, doubtless, is due to the general state of trade during 1876, but unquestionably there was not sufficient allowance made in China for the general inferiority of the crop—for the rapid shipments in excess of the supplies of 1875—and the inevitable result of accumulating a stock beyond the power of the Trade to compass. By the end of October, the Stock of Congou alone was 20 millions more than at the same period in 1875. The result has been almost constant depression—impossibility of making a sale beyond the daily requirements of the dealer, unless by forcing off at Public Auction, and thus leading to lower and lower prices in most instances—while in the face of all this, shipments have been going on in China at rates considerably above those ruling at home. When a change will take place in the conduct of the China Trade aggregating over 11 millions sterling, it is difficult to predict, but it is at least to be hoped that the time is not far distant. Assuming the present hurried mode of shipment to be inevitable, the trade can only be rendered sound by such decided reduction in the range of prices as may enable Importers to hold, without fear, allowing for deterioration. Such reduction may also tend to check supplies and keep them within the limit of demand, and possibly lead to improvement in quality. India is steadily increasing in the amount of her exports and improving in quality, which must every year more and more effect the higher grades of China growth."

**Deliveries.**—Home Consumption shows an increase of \$4 millions, and Export a decrease of \$4 millions. **Quality.**—With the exception of a few fine Ningbows, the whole of the crop from the North was inferior to the so-called "Congou" the quantity received was twice that of the previous year, the bulk being more or less mixed with the product of an inferior district. From Foochow the same inferiority was apparent, besides the admixture of a larger proportion of dust and broken leaf than we have had for some years past; the quantity professing to have come from the Sanyue district was also no doubt largely increased by the addition of the leaf formerly used for making Oolong.

**Indian Tea.**—The position continues most satisfactory, and fully bears out the favourable view we expressed a year ago. The increase of \$4 millions in the Imports has been accompanied by an equal increase in Consumption, while the average price has been fully maintained. As regards quality, the closing shipments of last season were unsatisfactory, but this season there is considerable improvement, especially in the very little low class tea having been manufactured. The total crop is estimated at 27 millions (against 25 millions in 1875-1876), of which about 17 millions have already been received.

On reference to the Tables, it will be observed that—The Imports into the United Kingdom have been 186,250,000 lbs. against 195,000,000 lbs. in 1875. The Deliveries for Home Consumption, 160,250,000 lbs. against 145,000,000 lbs. in 1875. The Deliveries for Exportation, 25,250,000 lbs. against 32,500,000 lbs. in 1875. The Stock remaining on the 31st December, was 110,000,000 lbs. against 103,250,000 lbs. in 1875.

## Quotations.

Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1877.

Opium.—New Patna, cash, \$680 a 582½  
New Benares, cash, 540 a 542½  
New Malwa, cash, 555  
" do, credit, 560  
Allowance Teels, 12 a 24  
Old Malwa, cash, 570  
" do, credit, 575  
Allowance Teels, 12 a 24

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 4½  
" 30 days' sight, ... 4½  
" 6 months' sight, ... 4½  
Credits, ... 4½  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 4½  
Bombay, ... 2½  
Calcutta, ... 2½  
Shanghai, demand, ... 78  
" 30 days, ... 75  
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., ... 1 prem.  
Mexicans, ... 1  
Gold Leaf, ... 25

## Sharks.

Hongkong Bank, 30  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$575  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$168  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1820  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$620  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$900  
North China Ins. Co., \$1575  
Yantai Ins. Association, \$1600  
E.K. & W. Dock Co., 4½ dis.  
E.K. & W. M. S. Boat Co., \$12 dis.  
Shanghai Steam S. Co., \$128 dis.  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$524 dis.  
Chinese Imperial Loan, 450

## Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs. Pakeness & Co.'s Premises, 40, Queen's Road.)  
Singapore, Feb. 15, 1877.

Barometer—9 A.M. ... 30.504  
Do 1 P.M. ... 30.450  
Do 4 P.M. ... 30.410  
Thermometer—9 A.M. ... 47½  
Do 1 P.M. ... 48  
Do 4 P.M. ... 48  
Do (Wet-bulb) 9 A.M. ... 44  
Do 1 P.M. ... 44  
Do 4 P.M. ... 44  
Do Maximum ... 49  
Do Minimum over night ... 46



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**D. C. PRESGRAVE,**  
Municipal Secretary.  
Penang,  
Municipal Office,  
The 21st September, 1876.

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## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, February 10, 1877.  
At 1080 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

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Highest, Lowest, Cash.

## Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 450 400  
" Ame. Sugar cured, 300 250  
" Foochow, 160 140  
Beef, strion and prime cut, cy. 160 150  
Beef Corned, 150 140  
" Roast, 150 140  
" Soup, 90 80  
" Steak, 150 140  
Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50  
" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250  
" " corned, 320 300  
" Head, 600 500  
" Heart, 150 140  
" Feet, 50 40  
" Kidneys, 80 50  
" Tail, 100 90  
" Liver, 80 60  
" Tripe (undressed), catty 60 40  
Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 400  
Hams, American, lb. 300 280  
" Chinese, 180 170  
" En'lah, 360 340  
Mutton Chop, 180 170  
" Leg, 180 170  
" Shoulder, 140 120  
" Liver, 140 120  
Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50  
" Feet, 100 90  
" Fry, 110 100  
" Head, 90 80  
" Heart, 60 50  
" Kidneys, 80 70  
" Liver, 100 80  
Pork Chop, catty 180 140  
" Corned, 180 120  
" Leg, 150 140  
" Fat or Lard, 110 100  
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set 840 820  
" Heart, 50 40  
" Kidneys, 80 70  
Sucking Pigs, 1750 1000  
Veal, catty 140 120

## Poultry.

Capons, catty 200 180  
Ducks, 110 100  
Eggs, Hen, 100 —  
" Duck, 100 —  
" Salt, 120 —  
Fowls, 160 150  
Geese, 120 110  
Partridges, each 280 250  
Pheasants, Canton, live, pair \$2.00 —  
" Shanghai, dead, 600 —  
Pigeons, each 140 120  
Quail, 60 50  
Snipe, 110 100  
Teal, 160 150  
Turkeys, Cook, catty 700 600  
" Hen, 450 400  
Wild Duck, each 350 300  
" Geese, 700 —  
Woodcock, 500 —

## Fish.

Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 350 300  
Bream, catty 100 80  
Carp, 80 70  
Codfish, Salt, 200 —  
Crabs, 140 100  
Cuttle Fish, 90 80  
Dace, 100 90  
File Fish, 80 60  
Fresh Fish, Large, 130 120  
" Small, 90 80  
Frogs, 140 120  
Garoupe, 140 120  
Haddock, 140 100  
Herrings, 80 70  
" smoked, box \$1.00 —  
Live Fish, catty 150 140  
Lobsters, 100 60  
Mackerel, 100 60  
Oysters, 180 120  
Parrot Fish, 140 120  
Perch, 70 60  
Pomfret, 100 90  
Prawns, 100 90  
Ray, 100 90  
Roach, 140 130  
Rock Fish, 140 120  
Salmon, Canton, 100 80  
" Saltwater, 140 —  
" Pickled, tin 300 —  
Salt Fish, catty 120 100  
Shark, young, 20 70  
Shrimps, 50 70  
Snapper, 110 100  
Snipe Fish, 70 60  
Solos, Fresh, 60 50  
Tench, 80 70  
Turbot, 100 90  
Turtles, Small, 320 300

## Vegetables.

Asparagus, tin 450 400  
Bamboo Shoots, catty 100 80  
Beans, sprout, 20 14  
" Broad, 40 30  
" French from Malacca, 50 40  
Best Root, each 12 10  
Bratatoes, catty 12 10  
Cabbage, White Canton, 15 12  
" Common, 10 8  
" Hongkong, each 70 80  
" Macao, 70 80  
" Turnip, Boh, each 12 10  
Carrots, Salt, catty 20 —  
Carrots, Fresh, 40 30  
Cauliflower, each 100 70  
Celery, Chinese, catty 50 20

## Fruits.

Aleutites, catty 60 50  
Apples, Dried, 600 400  
" Californian, 220 200  
Bananas, fragrant Puntl, 80 25  
" Common, 20 —  
Chestnuts, new, 100 —  
Coconuts, each 50 40  
Currants, bottle 400 350  
" lb. 200 160  
Dates, bottle 500 400  
Figs, Dried, 500 400  
Ground Nuts, 30 25  
Lemons, 70 60  
Lichies, Dried, 200 180  
Loong Ngan, Dried, 400 200  
Olives, green, Puntl, catty 60 —  
Oranges, (Oocle) Chang, 40 30  
" (Mand.) coocle, 40 30  
" (Mandarin), 100 60  
Papaw, 150 130  
Pears, Santong, 115 100  
Pears, Chefoo, 100 80  
Pine-apples, Puntl, each 50 40  
Plantains, common, catty 30 20  
" fragrant, 35 30  
Prunes, Dried, bottle 300 250  
Pumeloes or Shaddock, each 60 50  
" Amoy, 90 —  
Raisins, Muscatel, bottle 750 600  
" lb. 200 150  
Salesbury Seeds, Pak-kwo, catty 90 70  
Sugar Cane, stick 25 20  
Tamarinds, catty 60 50  
Walnuts, 100 80  
Water Chestnuts, Canton, 60 50

## Miscellaneous.

Allspice, Chinese, bottle 200 —  
" English, 750 500  
Barley, ploul 1600 1500  
Bran, ploul 1500 1400  
Butter, lb. 600 500  
Candied Orange Peel, bottle 750 700  
" Lemon, 750 700  
Capers, 250 220  
Charcoal, ploul 1080 1000  
Cheese, American, lb. 400 350  
Cinnamon, catty 300 250  
Citron, 160 150  
Cloves, 700 500  
Coconut Oil, bottle 180 150  
Coffee, lb. 230 200  
Curry Powder, bottle 500 250  
Firewood, ploul 400 350  
Flour, catty 40 30  
Gram, ploul 3000 2750  
Isinglass, pkgs. 750 —  
Lamp Oil, catty 90 80  
Mace, box 1000 750  
Mace, catty 750 —  
Mango Chutney, bottle 500 250  
Mustard, 180 160  
Nutmegs, each 10 —  
Olives, bottle 250 200  
Paddy, ploul 1600 1500  
Pearl Barley, bottle 250 180  
Pepper (whole), catty 270 220  
" (ground), bottle 250 200  
Pickles, 200 150  
Rice, catty 40 30  
Sago, 100 80  
Salt Oil, 250 180  
Salt, Coarse, 20 10  
" Fine, 20 10  
Sauces, Lea & Perrins, bottle 850 800  
" Others, 200 180  
Split Peas, 80 70  
Sugar, China, 100 70  
Tapioca, 300 270  
Tea, catty 750 500  
Vermicelli, Chinese, 100 80

## D. THORNTON, Inspector of Markets.

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